

Fresno, CA - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced that the United States Department of Labor has awarded Employer's Training Resource of Kern County \$1,753,577 from a National Farmworker Jobs Program Grant.

"The availability of adequate job training programs to all citizens is important and these funds will help to provide useful work related services to our migrant and seasonal farmworkers," Congressman Costa said.

Employer's Training Resource is Kern County's local workforce investment organization and operates numerous programs related to job placement and training. Through funds received from various governmental levels Employer's Training Resource is able to provide assistance at Career Service Centers to the farmworkers in the San Joaquin Valley.

This particular grant will allow Employer's Training Resource of Kern County to concentrate efforts on expanding farmworkers' access to employment in occupations identified as having growth potential in Kern County. Energy, transportation and health services are examples of such occupations.

"Because economic growth is cyclical and manages to impact all community members it is important that we support and maintain training efforts as it relates to employment opportunities for all citizens," Costa concluded.